

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 16, 22 and 23.

~~2. The method of claim 24, wherein said bone-containing host is osteopenic.~~

~~3. The method of claim 24 wherein said bone-containing host is selected from the group consisting of a bone-containing host currently being treated with one or more glucocorticoid compounds and a bone-containing host experiencing adverse bone effects resulting from contact with one or more glucocorticoid compounds.~~

~~4. The method of claim 24, wherein said administration is selected from the group consisting of systemic, oral, intravenous, nasal spray and inhalation.~~

~~5. The method of claim 24, wherein said parathyroid hormone fragment is human parathyroid fragment (1-34).~~

~~15. The method of claim 24, wherein said host is a human.~~

~~20. The method of claim 24, wherein said parathyroid hormone fragment is a bovine parathyroid fragment (1-34).~~

~~21. The method of claim 24, wherein the parathyroid hormone is administered in an intermittent fashion.~~

24. (ALLOWED) A method of increasing the lifespan of osteoblasts in a bone-containing host in need of preventing bone loss or stimulating bone formation, comprising the step of:

administering therapeutically effective dosages at least 10 micrograms per kilogram body weight of isolated parathyroid fragment wherein said parathyroid fragment is parathyroid hormone (1-34), to said host.